

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dr. Pietro PADOVANI) Re: Preliminary Amendment
Serial No.: Not yet assigned)
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Divisional of USSN 10/077,120)
filed on February 14, 2002) Our Ref: B-4501DIV 621212-6
For: "PROCESS AND PLANT FOR HANDLING)
THERMOFORMED OBJECTS FOR A)
SINGLE-STATION THERMOFORMING MACHINE)
WITH FORM AND CUT MOULD") Date: December 11, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/077,120 filed on February 14, 2002. This paper is being filed as a Preliminary Amendment to the above-identified Application being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as described below. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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